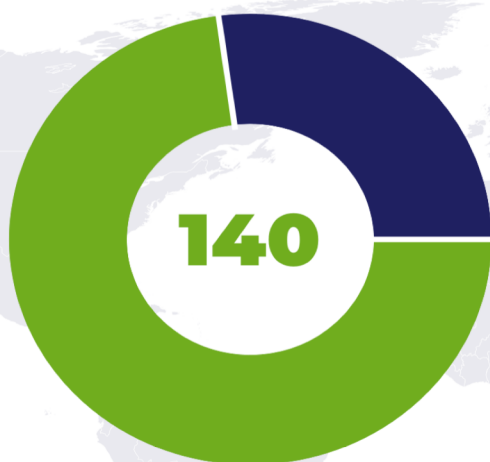
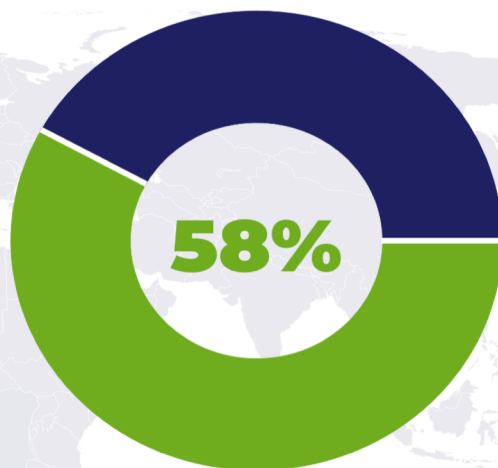


Countering Financing of Terrorism While Preserving Civic Space

IN NUMBERS: COUNTER-TERRORISM LAWS LOOM LARGE



Number of governments which adopted counter-terrorism legislation between 2001 and 2018



Percentage of cases tracked by Front Line Defenders where human rights defenders were charged under counter-terrorism laws

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JOIN OUR INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION – SOFT LAW, HARD CONSEQUENCES

Since 2001, the UN and various global, regional, and thematic institutions, such as the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), have been growing a body of counter-terrorism “soft law.” Though non-binding, soft law still produces legal effect and provides guidance to States on their counter-terrorism law and policy, and is often being transformed into hard law over time.

Counter-terrorism soft law rarely undergoes meaningful human rights scrutiny. This process of norm production is closed, with limited visibility or access for civil society and human rights and international law experts. Join us to discuss:

- ⇒ role played by soft law in setting the counter-terrorism norms and standards by which States are guided in their CT efforts;
- ⇒ mechanisms through which CT soft law, with particular focus on the FATF, influence State behavior and effective CT practice;
- ⇒ civil society contributions to development and implementation of CT standards, with respect to impact on national regulatory frameworks and CSO access to financial services.

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